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FIGURES 1-23

AIR TRAINING BASE, RETALHULEU, GUATEMALA

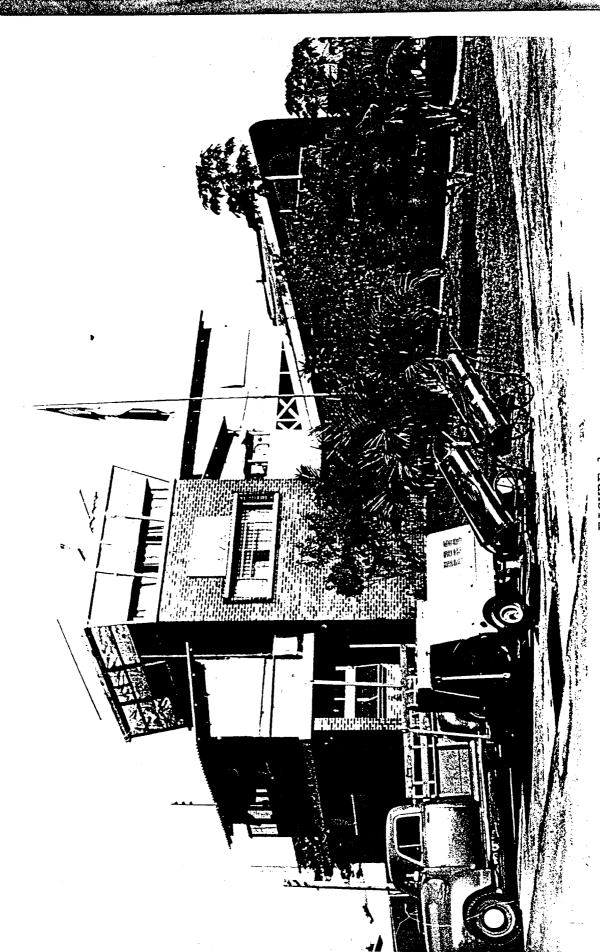


FIGURE 1 RETALHULEU CONTROL TOWER

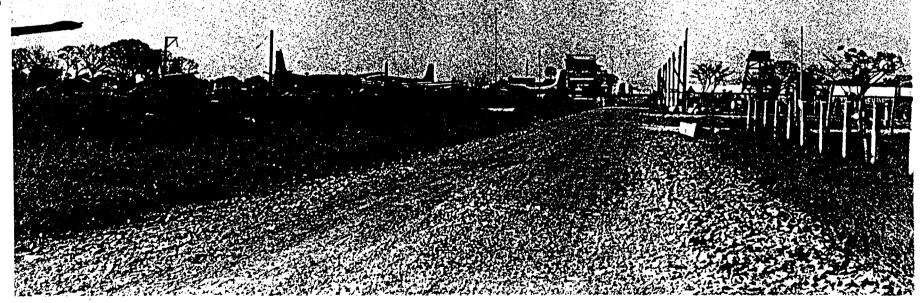


FIGURE 2
RETALHULEU SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE AREA

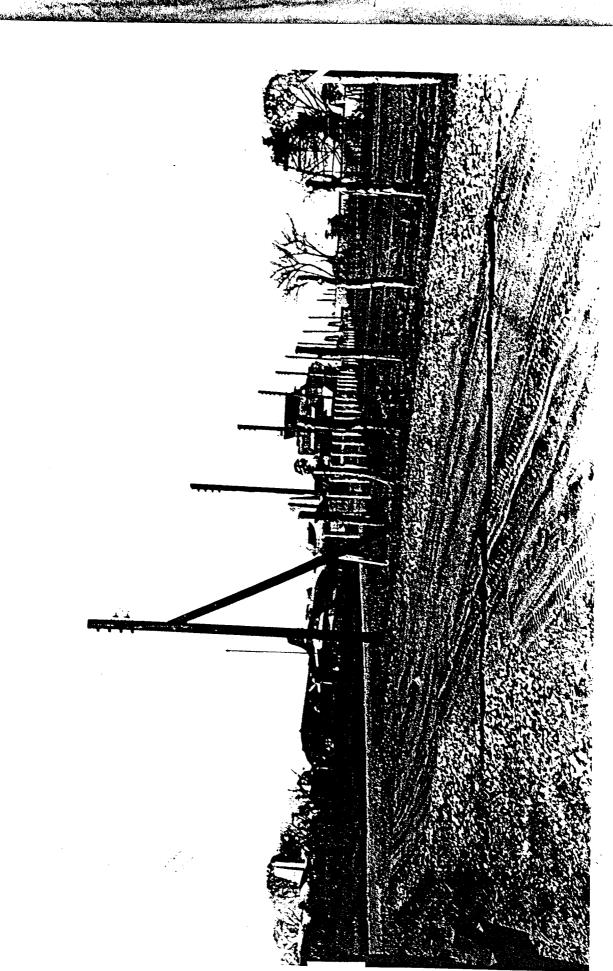


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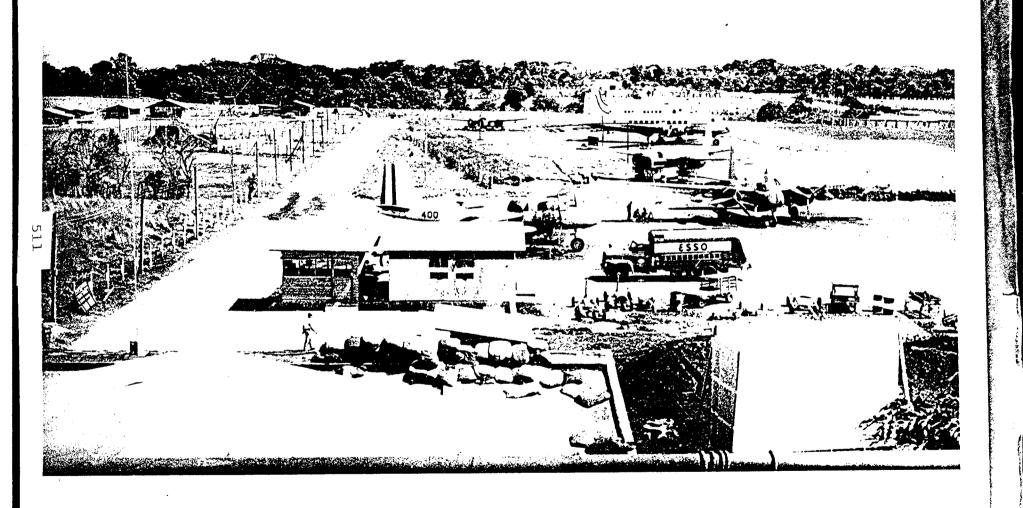


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RETALHULEU MAINTENANCE AND SERVICE AREA AND FUEL BUNKER

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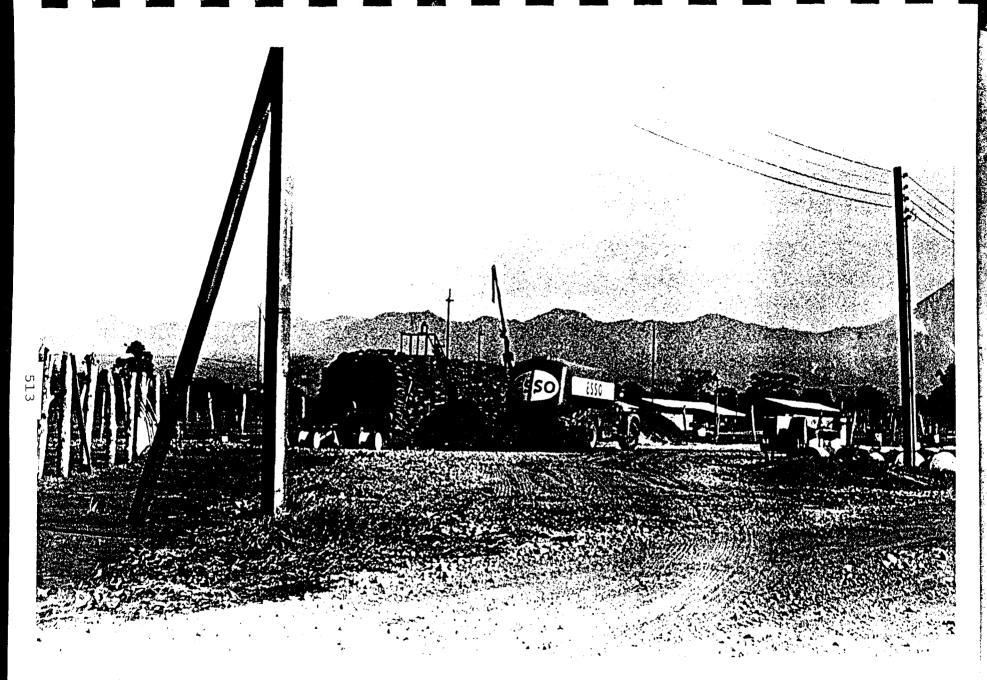


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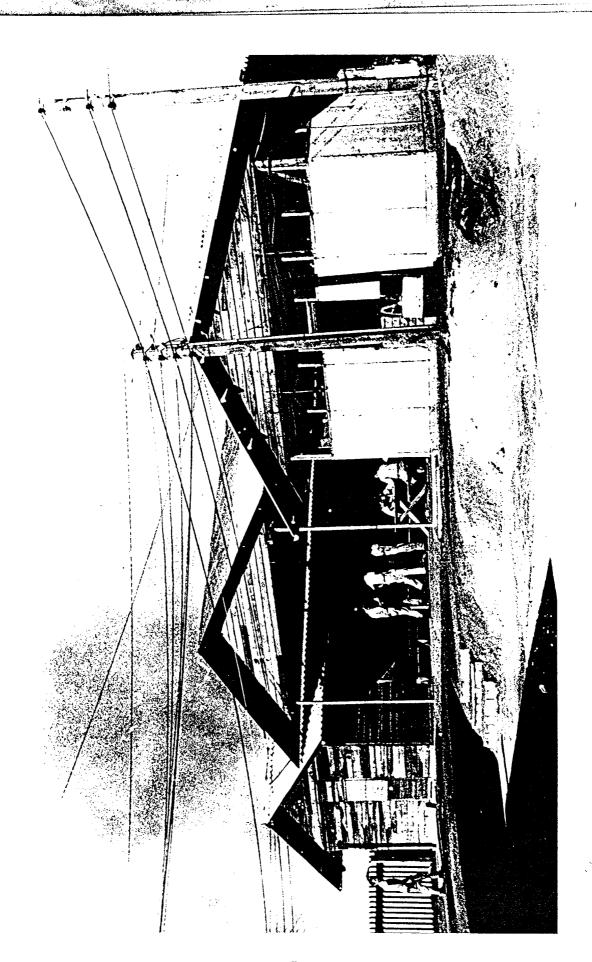


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FIGURE 10 RETALHULEU OUTDOOR LIVING



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RETALHULEU BARRACKS - EXTERIOR VIEW

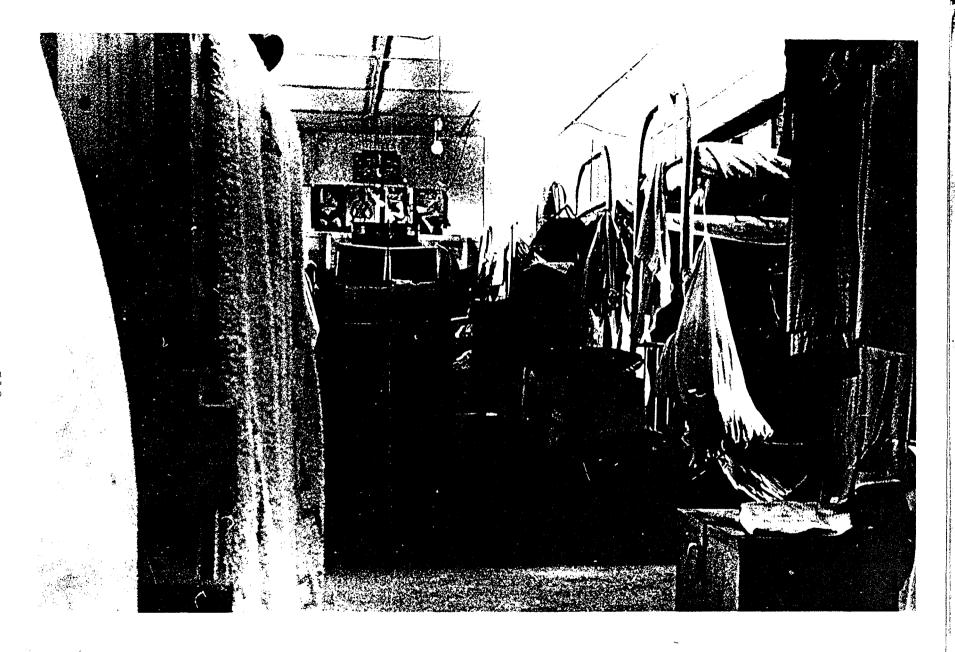


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FIGURE 16 RETALHULEU SUPPLY AREA

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(NOTE: BOMB BAY OPENS FROM FIGURE 18 to FIGURE 19)

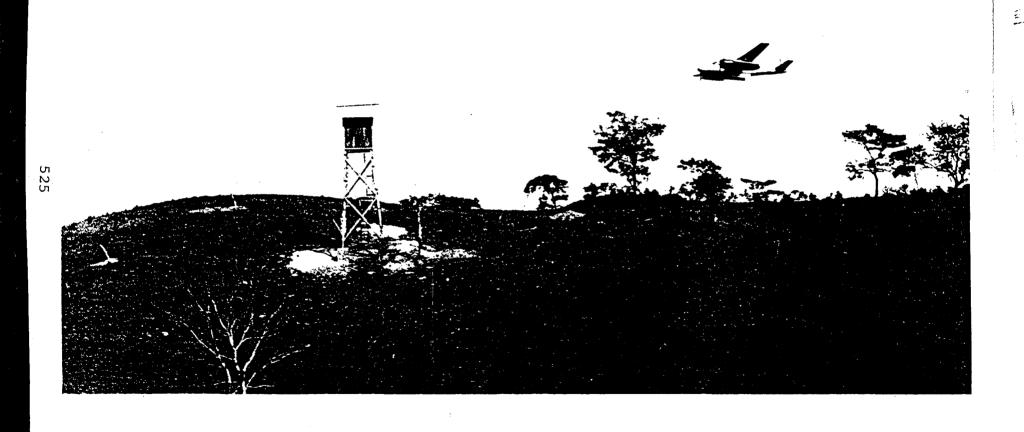


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B-26 PRACTICING LOW LEVEL BOMB RUN AT RETALHULEU
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PUERTO CABEZAS. BOMB DUMP ADJACENT TO AIR STRIP



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PUERTO CABEZAS, BOMB DUMP ADJACENT TO AIR STRIP



FIGURE 28
PUERTO CABEZAS. BOMB DUMP ADJACENT TO AIR STRIP.



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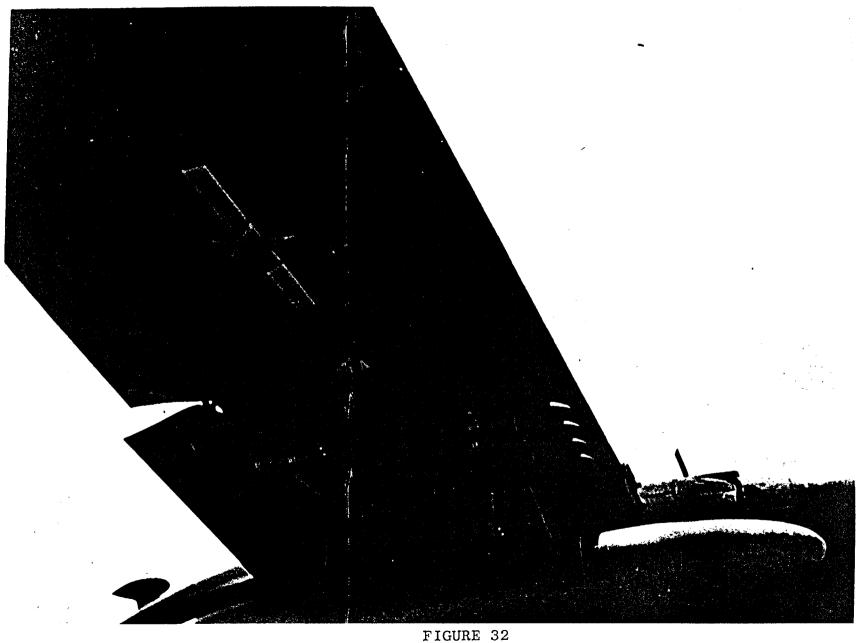


PUERTO CABEZAS. B-26. TAIL ASSEMBLY DETAIL. CUBAN INSIGNIA, FAR, AND TAIL NUMBERS IDENTICAL TO CASTRO'S B-26's.



FIGURE 31

PUERTO CABEZAS. UNDERWING DETAIL BRIGADE B-26. PYLON FUEL TANK,
ROCKETS, WIDE (BLUE) BAND AROUND WING TO DISTINGUISH FROM CASTRO B-26's.



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FIGURE 33
PUERTO CABEZAS. PBY AIR-SEA RESCUE

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PHOTOS OF AIR STRIP AT PLAYA GIRON, CUBA

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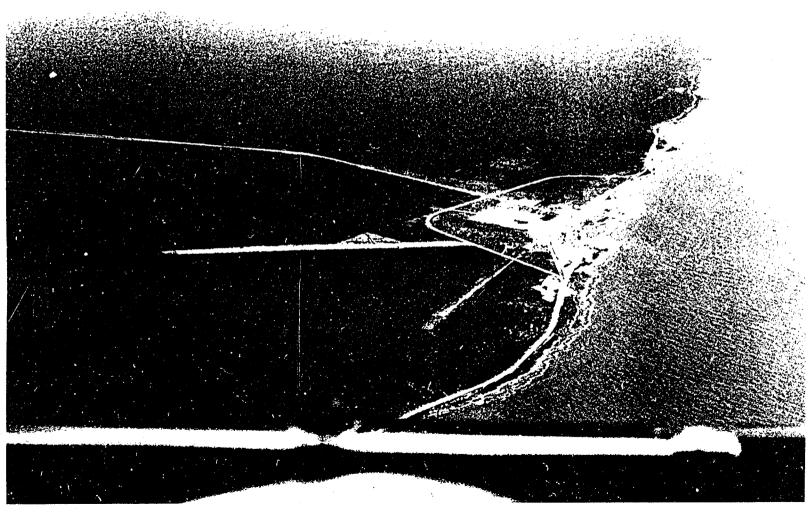


FIGURE 34
AIR STRIP AT PLAYA GIRON, CUBA

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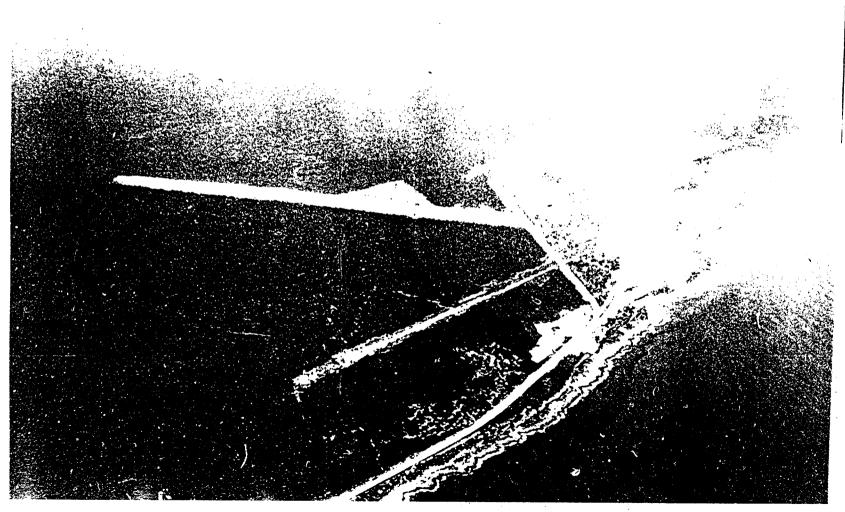


FIGURE 35 AIR STRIP AT PLAYA GIRON, CUBA

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